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Letter dated 27 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing, on behalf of the Arab coalition forces to restore legitimacy in Yemen, in regard to the murder of Hanna Lahoud, an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) staff member, in a cowardly attack by a group of armed men in Ta'izz Governorate on 21 April 2018. I am also writing to inform you that the coalition immediately evacuated three ICRC staff members at their request, relayed in a letter from ICRC on the day of Mr. Lahoud's murder.

The coalition condemns in the strongest possible terms this attack on humanitarian staff in Yemen and sends its sincerest condolences to Mr. Lahoud's family and to the Government and brotherly people of Lebanon.

The coalition reiterates its commitment to ensuring humanitarian workers' safety as protected persons under international humanitarian law in order to enable them to fulfil their absolutely vital functions in service of the brotherly Yemeni people. The coalition also reiterates its appreciation and esteem for the efforts of all humanitarian workers in Yemen.

Furthermore, and with reference to the letter dated 17 April 2018 addressed to you (S/2018/367), the coalition calls for a full investigation into the above-mentioned incident, to identify and hold accountable the cowardly gunmen responsible for Mr. Lahoud's death. The coalition also calls for a full review of the measures necessary to bolster the safety and security of United Nations and humanitarian staff in Yemen, in the face of their harassment and intimidation by the lawless Houthi militias and by armed non-State groups, as called for in the letter from the United Nations Staff Union in Yemen, referenced in the aforementioned letter. The coalition demands that the Houthi militias cooperate with ICRC and the United Nations in their relevant investigations and hand those responsible over to justice.

Finally, my delegation requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Abdallah Y. **Al-Mouallimi**
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 27 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith an information bulletin dated 27 April 2018 from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 27 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (27 April 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported two incidents of gunfire: one in Aleppo Governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported four incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Dar'a, one in Aleppo and one in Idlib.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Jubb al-Safa, Rif Dimashq Governorate: 445 food parcels containing canned meat, rice and sugar were distributed. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered was 1.9 tons.

In total, 1,794 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,536.96 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 129 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 78,858 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,508.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

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Identical letters dated 26 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, and in reference to the numerous letters that I have already addressed to you, which have included statistics on the number of rocket-propelled grenades and mortar shells that armed terrorist groups have continued to fire on safe neighbourhoods in the city of Damascus and its suburbs, as well as the number of civilian casualties among those killed and wounded, I would like to inform you that, during the period from 22 December 2017 to 22 April 2018, 2,984 rocket-propelled grenades and mortar shells targeted safe areas in Damascus and its suburbs, killing 161 civilians and wounding 892 others, mostly women and children, in addition to causing serious damage to public and private property and infrastructure.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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